(a) whether it is a fact that an internal inquiry into the 1998 onion crisis has revealed involvement of certain NAFED officials in the scam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) has informed that their Vigilance Cell has conducted a preliminary enquiry in the onion purchases made during the year 1998 and the enquiry report is under examination. If charges are found proved against any official of NAFED, disciplinary action will be initiated under the Conduct, Disciplinary and Appeal Rules of the Federation.

Cyclone Affected People of Srikakulam District

1533. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 40 crores Central aid was sought by the Andhra Pradesh State Government for providing relief and rehabilitation measures to the cyclone affected people in Srikakulam district;

(b) if so, the assistance given so far; and

(c) if not, by when the assistance will be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The memorandum is under consideration in accordance with the established procedure.

Potato Seed Farm

1534. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Regional Potato Farm, Mao, Manipur is supplying Potato seeds to the neighbouring States of North East Region;